

Ed Martin, Jr. Appointed to Racing Commission

Governor Frank O'Bannon has appointed prominent thoroughbred horsemen Ed Martin, Jr. to the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. The appointment is for a four (4) year term. Mr. Martin replaces Mr. Robert Ossenberg who had served the Commission since 1994.

Mr. Martin has been chairman of the Thoroughbred Breed Development Advisory Committee since its inception in 1995. Being its only chairman, Mr. Martin has been the primary architect of Indiana's successful breed development program.

Commission chairman Michael G. Schaefer praised Martin's appointment. "Eddie Martin has contributed more to the development of a sound and thriving thoroughbred breeding industry in Indiana than any single individual," stated Schaefer. "I'm very pleased to have a person of Martin's expertise and character on the Commission."

Mr. Martin's small stable of racehorses had participated at Hoosier Park in the past. In accordance with the Indiana pari-mutuel statute and applicable rules of racing, Mr. Martin will not race any horses in Indiana and forego the acceptance of any breeder's awards during his term.